

Section News



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Brothers of NE-4B,

Can you believe our year is half way through? Conclave is just 6 months away! It has been a really exciting year so far with Arrow Tour, NOAC, and all of our centennial celebrations but that does not mean the fun ends. Conclave is coming! Prepare yourself for Game of Chiefs as brotherhood and merriment echo through Camp Bucoco in June. My excitement for Conclave grows each day as Kuskitannee delves deeper into the planning process. I will not spill too many of their secrets but judging by their current plans, we are in for a fantastic weekend.

One of my main goals (and central purpose of the Section) is to support the lodges. To help fulfill this, the Section officers are excited to put into action the Section Training Initiative. While still in development, the training event will be held March 19 open to all lodge executive board members. In response to 2014 JTE results, it is our goal to train lodge leaders with best practices and initiatives to help improve specific JTE fields and thereby improving their lodge.

As 2015 winds down and 2016 begins to dawn do not let the energy of the centennial year die. Stay active. Stay excited. Stay involved. This is our time to make a difference; this is our century. I would like to take this time to thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve you this year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for assistance or if you would just like to chat. I look forward to seeing you in June at the 2016 Conclave! Until then, be safe and Scout On.

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathon Chester".

Jonathon Chester
2015-2016 NE-4B Section Chief



Section Vice Chief

Hello Section NE-4B, so to keep you in the loop, with help of Jonathan Chester and Aaron Coffman we have started planning our leadership training program for this year. We are working on the exact details but we are holding it this March 19th. It will be open to all the lodges executive boards to come and join to help with the major problem of membership retention and growth we all have been facing. Along with this we have been working hard to bring together another amazing conclave for the start of a new centennial year. We have lots of plans for the event that have never been used before to make this event spectacular. More information about it all will be coming out in the next couple months but I hope for now every one is having a great and safe holiday season. If anyone has any questions about the section or looking for help feel free to message me at macleansmith@gmail.com.

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Section Vice Chief
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Section Secretary

Hey Section NE-4B,

After a lot of hard work and time dedication I am proud to present you with the Section's first ever E-Newsletter! There is a lot of great information in this newsletter. You will find articles from the Lodges in the section informing you on what they have been up to since NOAC, the best practice of a Lodge along with a Lodge Highlight. You will also find out information on the Section's OAHA Scholarship which I personally encourage all to apply for if you are interested in attending a High Adventure Base! Being that this is the Sections first ever E-Newsletter I highly encourage feedback to help us grow and improve. If you have any suggestions on stuff you would like to see please reach out to us! You can give us feedback on the Section's website at www.ne4b.org. Also while you are on the website please feel free to check out some of the helpful resources that are available there! Also follow us on Twitter @ne4b and like us on Facebook at Section NE-4B! Carry On NE-4B!

Yours in Brotherhood,
Aaron Coffman
2014-2016 NE-4B Secretary





My name is Craig Spink. I am an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor member of Kuskitannee Lodge. Before I became Section Adviser I was Lodge Adviser in Kuskitannee Lodge for four years. Prior to that I was the Membership Adviser for four years. I have been awarded the Founder's Award and the Silver Chief by Kuskitannee Lodge. I am an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 58. I am also the Moraine Trails Council Camping Committee Chair and I serve on the Council Executive Board. I have been awarded the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver. I have two sons, both of whom are Eagle Scouts and Vigil Honor members of Kuskitannee Lodge. Outside of Scouting I am the Senior Scientist at Pressure Chemical in Pittsburgh. I earned a BS in Chemistry at Rider University and a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. I like to work on old Porsches and I dabble in metal sculpture.

Section Highlight

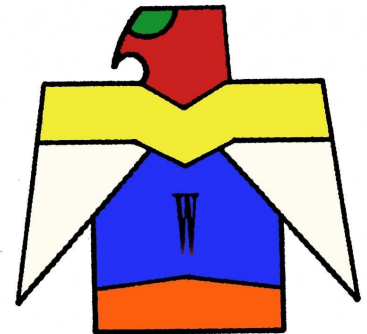
There are 136 current Merit Badges that a scout can earn and here at Section NE-4B we are proud to have Aaron Coffman the Section's two term Secretary who has recently earned 141 Merit Badges (4 historic and the retired computers merit badges put him over the 136 current ones) Scouting has been around for 105 years and there have been millions of scouts over those years. Aaron is only the 271st person to ever to achieve this! So all of us here at Section NE-4B would like to Congratulate him on this fantastic achievement!!





Wagion Lodge #6

Wagion took a contingent of 24 youth and 6 adults to NOAC. We had 3 Centurions in attendance. August 13-16, we held our annual fellowship weekend. We made it a 4 day weekend to get the Ordeal process done early and let the new members participate in our Centennial celebration. We successfully pulled all of our new Vigil Honor members for the year. On October 16-18, we held our last lodge event for the year. We elected our new officers, and collected the end of our Arrowman Service Award forms. We are training our new officers in early December and choosing a new Lodge Executive Committee. Our Key 3 is also deliberating our representatives for the NEXT conference. As of November 1st, we have projected Gold in JTE for 2015.



Monaken Lodge #103

In October we held of Annual Woodchuck Weekend and Wingoff. Before woodchuck our last event as a lodge was our Fall Ordeal. There we elected our leadership for the upcoming year, and provided labor to our camp. Currently we sit at the silver level for JTE. Overall we have inducted 60 new Ordeal members, sealed 41 members as Brotherhood members, and laid the honor of Vigil on 9 members of our lodge. Our lodge had a very exciting journey to the National Order of the Arrow Conference in August of 2015. We started it out with an eight hour bus ride after which we were all eager to unload from. The week went all too quickly with all the activities to do from the HUB to the huge patch trading area in our dormitory building. Our delegates had absolutely no trouble finding exciting things to do and enjoy. I received a lot of positive feedback from everyone I talked to that this NOAC was one of the most exciting yet. Our Lodge is very excited looking forward to NOAC 2018 at Indiana University.





Kuskitannee Lodge #168

Dear Brothers,

Since the epic conclusion of the 2015 National Order of the Arrow conference, Kuskitannee Lodge has continued to celebrate the centennial of the Order of the Arrow. As we returned from NOAC the lodge wished to give the members who were not able to attend the Conference the some of the experiences that we got at Michigan State. We have held several events since the conference, one of which was our Spring Ordeal and the Theme was "NOAC After Party". At this event we tried to replicate the impressive shows and games that we saw at the conference. This worked out well, as our newly inducted Brothers were able to see the fun that one can have in the Order of the Arrow. At our fall event, Brookie Brotherhood, we presented the Red Sashes to those adults that signed up for NOAC, but volunteered give up their spot to a youth member so that they would be able to attend the Conference.



Throughout the past year we have celebrated the Centuries of Service that we as an organization have accomplished. But now comes the hard part of preparing and working toward the next hundred years of our Order. For Kuskitannee this involves preparing to host the 2016 NE-4B Conclave at Camp Bucoco and continue to work toward our Journey To Excellence. By continuing to stress and teach the ideals and values that our Order was founded on, we can grow and improve the experiences and lessons that the Order of the Arrow can teach. This can only happen if we work hard as the brotherhood of cheerful service that we are, for the continuation of this great organization and Scouting itself starts with us.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Peter Gemperle

Lodge Chief of Kuskitannee Lodge

"Obstacles are those frightening things that become visible when we take our eyes off our goals."

- Henry Ford





Allohak Menewi Lodge #57

Allohak Menewi Lodge since NOAC has kept up on its steady pace and plans to increase it and make it more efficient. Since NOAC we have held several events in the lodge such as puma games, Heritage ordeal/work weekend, Ahtuhquog Chapter Fall Fellowship, Anawanna Ordeal/Work Weekend and our lodge banquet (on November 8th). As in previous years at our summer social we had many activities for our Arrowmen to have fun and enjoy themselves such as a bonfire, Frisbee, patch auctions and man golf as well as water activities. We also had the lodge elections where Arrowmen Tristan Miller, Marty Zender, Tim Seech and Ryan Wright were elected to Lodge Chief, Executive Vice Chief, Program Vice Chief or Administration Vice Chief, respectively. 96 brothers attended the event this year.



At the Heritage weekend this year many projects were completed to help close the camp for the winter and to do some major repairs projects as well. 120 ordeal members were welcomed into the lodge. 29 sealed there membership by completing brotherhood a total of 218 attend this weekend.

The Ahtuhquog chapter held a

fellowship and service weekend at camp Potomac. They worked diligently to close the camp for the summer and had time left to have some fun and fellowship 33 brothers attended. The final ordeal weekend this year was held at camp Anawanna in October. A trail crew installed new stairs on the Eagle Trail, crews painted two cabins, and trails and roads were cleared of brush. 86 attended 46 new ordeal members and 8 brotherhood members. The final event of the year is the Lodge's annual banquet. It will be held on November 8th. Tristan Miller and the other vice chiefs will be sworn into their offices of 2016 and many other awards will be presented including The Founder's Award, James E. West Awards, and Centurion Awards. The 2016 Vigil class will also be called out. Matt Bell, Northeast region chief, will be attending; Craig Spink, Charlie Hume's and several other Section and Council guests. Over 400 Arrowmen, family and friends have requested to attend this far. The "Last Patch of the Century" from are lodge is



Allohak Menewi Lodge #57 (Continued)

going to be given to those who have registered early for the banquet and will be available to be sold to those who won't be able to come. We have six members of are lodge who are signed up for NLS at camp Alpine in November. A lodge planning event is scheduled for December 12th. The committees for Winterfest and Conclave Committees are well underway in their planning for these events. We have selected three youth to attend a national 2016 OA event and we are preparing for the 2016 home troop elections as well as camp promotions. We have been actively promoting OA High Adventure and Conclave as well. Our lodge has implemented a new system this year know as a back dater it is a spread sheet that lists all of the tasks that need completed to have a successful event. The back dater lists the date of the event and the name of it. There listed in chronological order with a starting date and a responsible person. We have noticed that the events that use this system have run smother with less problems than those who don't use it at all. It even list tasks major ones and minor ones of the event. Also the tools, food, and materials are listed with it to make it easier as well. The back dater can be given to anyone provided they contact one of the lodge officers or advisor.



"I do not believe that any of us would exchange places with any other people or any other generation. The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it--and the glow from that fire can truly light the world." - President John F. Kennedy



Best Practice Event back dater

Allohak Menewi established a back dater system for every Lodge event. The back dater is a spread sheet that lists all of the tasks needed to be completed to have a successful event. The back dater lists the events with the dates on it. All the tasks are listed in chronological order with their starting date and a responsible person.

Events that use the back dater run smoother than the events that don't use it. It also list the major and minor tasks of an event. Equipment, materials, and food are also part of the plan. If you`d like a copy to see how it works please contact a Allohak Menewi Lodge Officer or An Advisor to receive a copy of the back dater.

Lodge Highlight

Monaken Lodge #103 On the weekend of October 17th 2015, Monaken Lodge hosted our fourteenth annual wing-off. The wing-off takes place Saturday night after all the ceremonies are completed so all new members may participate. This challenge is to see who can eat the most wings out of anyone in our lodge. These wings are not any old wings, however. They are Bill Weaver's specialty hot wings, and I can tell you from personal experience that they are extremely hot after one, and the winner this year consumed thirty-five hot wings! While our Woodchuck Wing-Off is one of our most treasured events every year, this year it had a little extra spice to it. We had some special guests who had heard about our famous wing off and wished to participate. Region Chief Matt Bell, past Section Chief Tanner Lashinsky, and current Section Chief Jonathan Chester were all in attendance Saturday Night for our competition. As a tradition the Lodge Chief eats the first wing of the event and this wing has a little more spice than the average competition wing. Our guests were also given one of these wings in addition to myself and they were very good sports about the hot wings, although milk was required for all after the consumption of the wing. We were very happy to share this tradition with our guests, and were very excited to have a successful lodge weekend as well.



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2015 Scholarship Recipient Reports

Why should one attend OA High Adventure(OAHA)? Read these articles from the two 2015 OAHA Section Scholarship recipients and check out <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/> for more information on Northern Tiers Wilderness Voyage and all of the other great programs one can attend threw the Order of the Arrow!



"I had such a wonderful time at my OA Wilderness Voyage trip. I really enjoyed all of the time spent away from modern living and technology, cooking on an open fire every evening, drinking lake water which is so much better than regular water, and meeting some of the best guys ever who I have no doubt will be some of my lifelong friends. Nothing I have done in my scouting career has been as great of an experience as the time I got to spend up there in the Boundary Waters."

— Aaron Coffman, NE-4B Secretary (2015 Scholarship recipient)

"OA Wilderness Voyage is by far my favorite scouting memory. Throughout the course of a two week journey, I was able to see over 150 miles of some of the most breath taking scenery in the nation. It was a great feeling to be able to give back to the Boundary Waters through our work on the portage trails. I also had a chance to meet Arrowmen from every corner of America and build life-long friendships. OA Wilderness Voyage for me has truly been a life changing experience."

— William Moats, Wagion Lodge 6 Communications Chairman (2015 Scholarship recipient)

2016 OAHA Scholarship Info

Are you interested in attending one of the 4 National High Adventure Bases of the Boy Scouts of America, but you don't have the finances to go on a one week trek with your Council. Don't fret because the Section has a scholarship to help you out. Through OAHA (Order of the Arrow High Adventure) you get to spend TWO weeks on the National Adventure Base of your choice and the Section will cover your registration for the program. If you are interested in finding out more about this contact your Lodge's Chief, Advisor, or Conclave Chairman. You can also find the Form on the Section website at www.ne4b.org



**Lodge Executive Board Members:
Save the date!**

March 19, 2016



What: Section-wide training event designed to improve lodge operations and JTE goals.

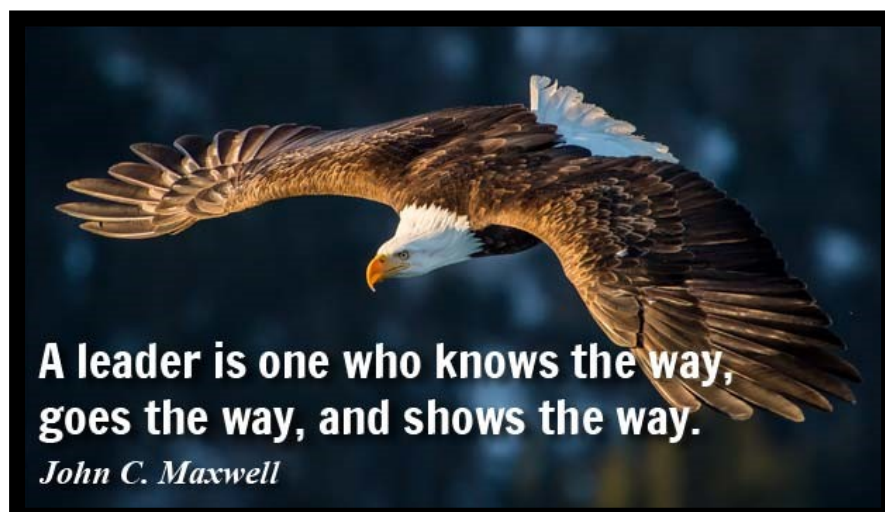
When: March 19, 2016

Where: TBD

Who: Open to ALL lodge executive board members, this is a Section hosted training event for YOU. Think of it as an advanced LLDC hosted by the Section leadership team.

How: Contact your Lodge Chief or a Section officer for more details

Why: After reviewing 2014 JTE data the Section feels that it can better equip and train lodge leaders for success. After all, that is the primary goal of the Section, to help the lodges succeed.





Get it before it's gone!

Youth

Arrowmen can work on the requirements from July 16th, 2014 until December 31st, 2015. Complete the information below and satisfy the requirements listed on the backside. Use this card to track your progress and have initialed as requirements are completed.

Name _____

Lodge _____

Council _____

Once all requirements are initialed, submit this card to your lodge adviser for recognition.

Lodge Adviser Signature _____

Date _____



**YOUTH REQUIREMENTS
ARROWMAN SERVICE AWARD
PROGRESS TRACKER**
For Arrowmen under 21



Adult

Arrowmen can work on the requirements from July 16th, 2014 until December 31st, 2015. Complete the information below and satisfy the requirements listed on the backside. Use this card to track your progress and have initialed as requirements are completed.

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Council _____

Once all requirements are initialed, submit this card to your lodge adviser for recognition.

Lodge Adviser Signature _____

Date _____



**ADULT REQUIREMENTS
ARROWMAN SERVICE AWARD
PROGRESS TRACKER**
For Arrowmen 21 or older





Youth

ARROWMAN SERVICE AWARD: PROGRESS TRACKER		Initial
1. Registered and in good standing in the BSA, the local council, and the Order of the Arrow lodge. _____ 2. Complete requirements from each of the three categories below (bold denotes required items)		
PERSONAL GROWTH (complete two total) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be or attain Brotherhood membership (if eligible)¹ _____ • Be an Eagle Scout, Sea Scout Quartermaster, Venturing Silver/Summit award recipient; or advance one Boy Scout or Sea Scout rank or Venturing award level _____ • Participate in or staff a BSA youth leadership training course² _____ • Earn a STEM Nova or Hornaday award _____ • Participate in an OA High Adventure program or attend a BSA High Adventure Base with your unit _____ 	100TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS (complete two total) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute a 100th anniversary related picture with the hashtag #OA100 OR contribute to your lodge's centennial history book _____ • Attend your section's 100th anniversary conclave _____ • Attend your lodge's sponsored 100th event _____ • Attend an ArrowTour event _____ • Attend the 2015 NOAC _____ 	
SCOUT SERVICE (complete two total) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute 25 hours of BSA organized (e.g., "in uniform") service benefiting the local community, the local BSA council or camp, or public lands (i.e. a National Forest or Park) _____ • Serve as a chapter or lodge chairman or officer for a minimum of six months _____ • Participate as a ceremonial principal in a Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, Brotherhood, or Vigil ceremony _____ • Serve on staff of a council camp or national BSA High Adventure Base _____ • Serve in a unit leadership position for a minimum of six months _____ 	¹ Arrowmen who were inducted as an Ordeal member after January 1 st , 2015 are exempt from this requirement and need to complete only one requirement in Personal Growth. ² Suggested courses include National Youth Leadership Training, National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience, ILST, National Leadership Seminar, Powder Horn, Kodiak Challenge. Youth Arrowmen over 18 years of age should complete an Adult BSA training course such as Wood Badge, IOLS, or University of Scouting. For a full list of non-Youth Protection, position-specific courses, please visit www.scouting.org/training . Youth Protection training does not qualify.	
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Adult

ARROWMAN SERVICE AWARD: PROGRESS TRACKER		Initial
1. Registered and in good standing in the BSA, the local council, and the Order of the Arrow lodge. _____ 2. Complete requirements from each of the three categories below (bold denotes required items)		
PERSONAL GROWTH (complete two total) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be or attain Brotherhood membership (if eligible)¹ _____ • Participate in or staff a BSA youth leadership training course² _____ • Attend a council long-term camp of a BSA high adventure program as a unit leader or crew adviser _____ • Recruit a new or currently inactive Scouter to serve as a registered BSA volunteer _____ 	100TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS (complete two total) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute a 100th anniversary related picture with the hashtag #OA100 OR contribute to your lodge's centennial history book _____ • Attend your section's 100th anniversary conclave _____ • Attend your lodge's sponsored 100th event _____ • Attend an ArrowTour event _____ • Attend the 2015 NOAC _____ 	
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The 2016 national event, NEXT: A New Century, will be unlike anything the OA has ever seen. Youth leaders and key adults from across the nation will gather at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN from July 30th through August 3rd, 2016 to learn, grow and be inspired to be the driving force behind the Order's second century. This hands-on, high-energy event will focus on membership, program and innovation at the local level, which will subsequently empower delegates to return home and be powerful agents of change.

Youth and adult leaders who attend will work with Arrowmen from across the country, providing them a unique opportunity to network and discuss lodge operations. A member of the NEXT Experience Team, comprised of current and former youth leaders and advisers at the lodge, section and national level, will guide lodge delegates, who will be organized into groups for the duration of the event. Each of the four days at NEXT will be focused on a different key topic: brotherhood, program, membership and innovation. Together, these and other programmatic elements will empower the local leaders to shape the next century.

Similar to the 2015 National Order of the Arrow Conference, participants will stay in the Indiana University residence halls and enjoy all-you-can-eat meals at the adjacent dining centers. Environmental sustainability will be a notable aspect of NEXT, focusing on how simple, novel changes back home can make an enormous difference.

Each lodge will be able to send three youth, its lodge chief, another lodge officer and one additional youth member, as well as two adults, the lodge adviser and one associate adviser. Youth delegates who are not lodge chiefs should be change agents or up-and-coming leaders who are passionate about their lodge and will still be youth, influencing their lodge's program and operations, for at least a year or two after the event. Similarly, the associate adviser attending NEXT should be a part of the next generation of advisers in the lodge. Up to three leaders per section will also be invited to NEXT. The intent is to provide section leadership the opportunity to attend without taking space in a lodge contingent.



NORTHEAST REGION

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Conclave 2016

Game of Chiefs



June 10-12

@ Camp Bucoco